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DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE COMMUNICATING SYSTEM

AND A TRANSCEIVER IN THE SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

DEAR SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert on the following line as follows -- This application is a continuation of 09/343,668, filed June 29, 1999, allowed November 6, 2001.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please add the following new claim:

11.(NEW) A receiver for receiving modulated symbols through a communication line, said receiver comprising:

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a bitmap calculating unit for calculating a bitmap which defines a number of transmissible bits for each carrier signal of said symbols in each of periodical noise durations, the calculated bitmap being sent by the receiver to be stored in a transmitter during an initialization period of the communication, said bitmap calculating unit including

a line quality measuring unit for measuring the quality of said communication line in each of periodical noise durations,

a transmission bit number converter for calculating the number of transmissible bits to be allocated to each carrier to form said bitmap, and

a bitmap optimizing unit for minimizing said dummy bits by decreasing the number of said transmissible bits allocated to each carrier signal of said symbols.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. application 09/343,668, filed June 29, 1999, allowed November 6, 2001.

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and new claim 11 has been added.

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Continuation Application of U.S. S/N 09/343,668 Initial Claim

What is claimed:

- 1. A receiver for receiving modulated symbols through a communication line, said receiver comprising:
- a bitmap calculating unit for calculating a bitmap which defines a number of transmissible bits for each carrier signal of said symbols in each of periodical noise durations, the calculated bitmap being sent by the receiver to be stored in a transmitter during an initialization period of the communication, said bitmap calculating unit including
- a line quality measuring unit for measuring the quality of said communication line in each of periodical noise durations,
- a transmission bit number converter for calculating the number of transmissible bits to be allocated to each carrier to form said bitmap, and
- a bitmap optimizing unit for minimizing said dummy bits by decreasing the number of said transmissible bits allocated to each carrier signal of said symbols.